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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to state equalization payments for county

2 mental health and disabilities services funds.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 426B.3, subsection 4, as enacted by 2012
2 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120, section 137, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 4. a. For the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2013, and
5 July 1, 2014, a county with a county population expenditure
6 target amount that exceeds the amount of the county's base year
7 expenditures for mental health and disabilities services shall
8 receive an equalization payment for the difference.

9 b. For the following fiscal years a county with a county
10 population expenditure target amount that is less than the
11 amount of the county's base year expenditures for mental health
12 and disabilities services shall receive an equalization payment
13 for the difference, as follows:

14 (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, the
15 equalization payment shall be one hundred percent of the
16 difference.

17 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the
18 equalization payment shall be seventy-five percent of the
19 difference.

20 ~~b.~~ c. The equalization payments determined in accordance
21 with this subsection shall be made by the department of human
22 services for each fiscal year as provided in appropriations
23 made from the property tax relief fund for this purpose.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill relates to the revenues for county mental health
26 and disabilities services (MH/DS) funds for FY 2013-2014 and
27 FY 2014-2015. Under Code section 331.424A, as amended by 2012
28 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120 (S.F. 2315), the county levy for the
29 MH/DS services fund for the two fiscal years cannot exceed
30 the lower of the following two amounts: the county's base
31 year expenditures for MH/DS, as adjusted for state property
32 tax relief paid in FY 2008-2009 (current maximum levy) or the
33 statewide expenditure target amount of \$47.28 multiplied by the
34 county's general population (per capita target levy).

35 Currently, beginning with the levies for FY 2013-2014, a

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1 county with a current maximum levy that is less than the per
2 capita target levy will receive an equalization payment for
3 the difference. A county with a current maximum levy that is
4 greater than the per capita target levy must reduce its levy
5 to the per capita target levy.

6 The bill provides that a county that is required to reduce
7 its levy to the per capita target levy amount will receive
8 an equalization payment as follows: for FY 2013-2014, a
9 payment equal to 100 percent of the reduction amount and for
10 FY 2014-2015, a payment equal to 75 percent of the reduction
11 amount.